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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: Support Guidance Pertinent to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference, September 12 through 18, 1957

- 1. Attached is a paper prepared in response to your request in a memorandum of 19 July, 1957, on the above subject.
- 2. The Seviet and Polish replies to the IPU questionnaire are correct insofar as they quote or summarise the relevant provisions of the respective constitutions and electoral laws of the USSR and the Polish People's Republic. The practice in these countries is, of course, a travesty of democratic government.
- 3. SRS decided that within the time available the best way to highlight the divorce between profession and practice was to comment on the Soviet and Polish replies in terms of a number of criteria which represent fundamental attributes of parliamentary democracy. The failure to meet almost any of these generally accepted standards labels the Soviet and Polish governments for what they are dictatorships by minority Communist parties. Our discussion is arranged according to the outline of the IPU questionnaire.

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REMARKS: Here are two drafts of papers which we expect to publish as SRS studies during the coming month. We have a third leng paper on the Satellites, of which the Polish section is completed and the Hungarian section will be completed in about two weeks. Unfortunately, we do not have a clean copy of the draft but will be glad to show you our working copy in case you should be interested. The Stabilization paper is largely the work of with some revision by myself; and the Electoral paper was prepared by in about two weeks on a crash request of IO Division.  FROM:  Chief, SRS/DDI  ROOM NO. 304  BUILDING BUILDING CENTENSION 2455				gthy
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